

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1: (canceled).

Claim 2 (new): A vest for a hearing impaired wearer, comprising:

a left and a right front panel for covering respective left and right chest areas of the wearer, each front panel having an upper collar portion and a vest lining;

a rear panel having opposite side edges connected respectively to the front panels for covering a back area of the wearer, and defining with the front panels, left and right sleeve openings, the rear panel having an upper collar portion and a further vest lining;

a left and a right sleeve each removably connected to one of the sleeve openings for covering left and right arms of the wearer;

a wristwatch removably connected to one of the sleeves;

a left and a right speaker mounted to the respective left and right front panels for receiving signals to generate vibrations, the mounting of the left and right speakers being adapted for transmitting vibrations to the chest areas of the wearer;

a rear speaker mounted to the rear panel for receiving signals to generating vibrations, the mounting of the rear speaker being adapted for transmitting vibrations to the back area of the wearer;

a plug socket near one of the side edges of the rear panel for connecting at least one of a sound generating device and a power charger to the speakers;

at least one wireless receiver mounted to the collar portion of at least one of the front and rear panels for sending sound signals to the speakers; and

at least one reflector on at least one of the front panels, the rear panel and the sleeves.

Claim 3 (new): The vest of claim 2, including at least one pocket in each of the front panels, a sound generating device in at least one of the pockets, and a credit card size remote control in combination with the vest for remotely controlling the sound generating device.

Claim 4 (new): The vest of claim 3, wherein the sound generating device is selected from the group consisting of: a CD player, an MP3 player, a radio, a computer, a DVD player, a game, and a television.

Claim 5 (new): The vest of claim 4, including a hood connected to the collar portions and containing a built-in headphone for the wearer.

Claim 6 (new): The vest of claim 2, including a hood connected to the collar portions and containing a built-in headphone for the wearer.

Claim 7 (new): The vest of claim 2, wherein the speakers are internal and are mounted within the vest linings.

Claim 8 (new): The vest of claim 7, including a hood connected to the collar portions and containing a built-in headphone for the wearer.

Claim 9 (new): The vest of claim 8, including a wireless transmitter connected to one of the collar portions.

Claim 10 (new): The vest of claim 2, including a wireless transmitter connected to one of the collar portion.

Claim 11 (new): The vest of claim 2, wherein the receiver is mounted to one of the collar portions of one of the front panels, the vest including a transmitter connected to the collar portion of the other front panel.